

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship Sunday, February 14th, 2021 – 11:00 a.m. The Last Sunday after the Epiphany—Transfiguration

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

This Sunday, the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel, brings us a new sermon titled "The Light Still Shines" which was recorded on Tuesday, February 9th.

The remainder of the service is being re-broadcast from previous services.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

▶ Please rise in body or in heart

Prelude Prelude and Fugue in C major, BWV 545 J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you People: And also with you.
The Dean: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

▼ Introit Northfield *Jeremiah Ingalls* (1764–1828)

How long, dear Savior, O how long Shall this bright hour delay, Fly swifter 'round the wheel of time, And bring the welcome day.

from The Christian Harmony (1805)



▼ Collect (*in unison*)

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Dean: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from

all unrighteousness.

All: Thanks be to God.

Lesson 2 Kings 2:1–12

Lector: A lesson from the second book of Kings, chapter 2, verses 1–12:

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Resplenduit facies ejus

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

Resplenduit facies ejus sicut sol, His face shone like the sun, vestimenta autem ejus facta sunt and his clothes likewise became

alba sicut nix. as white as snow.

Et ecce apparuerunt illis And behold, there appeared to them Moyses et Elias, loquentes cum Jesu. Moses and Elijah, speaking with Jesus.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Matthew 17:2–3

Lesson 2 Corinthians 4:3–6

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul's second epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 4, verses 3–6:

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6

The antiphon is sung twice, first by choir alone, and then by choir and congregation.

♬ Antiphon (sung by all)





Cantor: The mighty one, God the LORD,

speaks and summons the earth

from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,

God shines forth.

Cantor: Our God comes and does not keep silence,

before whom is a devouring fire,

round about whom is a mighty tempest.

People: God calls to the heavens above and to the earth,

that the people may be judged:

Cantor: "Gather to me my faithful ones,

who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

People: The heavens declare God's righteousness,

for God himself is judge. 🎜

■ Gloria Patri

from 'Magnificat in B minor'

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

▼ Gospel Lesson Mark 9:2–9

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 9, verses 2–9:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

"The Light Still Shines"

The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

₩ Hymn 173

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

RATISBON



WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1740 MUSIC: J. G. Werner's *Choralbuch*, 1815; harm. by William H. Havergal, 1861

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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Response All My Trials arr. Norman Luboff (1917–1989)

If religion was a thing that money could buy, the rich would live and the poor would die.

All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

Too late, my brothers; too late, but never mind.

All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

Traditional Spiritual

At the Offertory

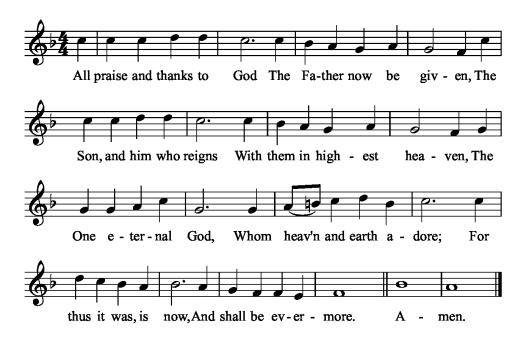
And then shall your light break forth (from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

And then shall your light break forth as the light of morning breaketh: and your health shall speedily spring forth then: and the glory of the Lord ever shall reward you.

Lord, our Creator. how excellent Thy Name is in all the nations!

Thou fillest heaven with Thy glory.



₩ Hymn 188

Christ is the world's light

CHRISTE SANCTORUM



MUSIC: Paris Antiphoner, 1681; harm. by David Evans, 1927; alt.

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№ Benediction

▼ Response God be in my head arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.

God be at mine end and at my departing.

Old English Prayer from Sarum Primer

▼ Postlude Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr Georg Böhm (1661–1733)

The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.

The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.

Today's broadcast was recorded by Eddie Muizulis, compiled by Justin Blackwell, and edited by Heidi Freimanis-Cordts.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The entirety of today's service was recorded prior to broadcast. We are not currently holding in-person services at Marsh Chapel.

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WELCOME TO MARSH CHAPEL

We thank you for joining us virtually this morning for worship and hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Marsh Chapel, or have other questions, please feel free to contact any of the Chaplains or Associates listed below.

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